2006, despite there being no corresponding increase in excise duty, lime-stone royalty and other inputs;

(b) whether the Cement Manufacturers' Association of India had committed to a final retail price of Rs. 147.80 per bag to the consumer, as per the cement price break-up submitted to Government in April, 2006; and

(c) whether any petition alleging cartelisation against the cement industry is pending before the MRTP and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Cement price increased between December, 2005 and April 2006 at varying rate across the country; however these have stabilized since May 2006. Cement is a decontrolled commodity and its prices are governed by economic factors *viz.*, demand and supply, cost of raw materials, fuel and other inputs, production and distribution costs.

(b) No Sir, but the manufacturers assured Government at a meeting convened to discuss increase in cement prices that a discount of 5% on the prevailing prices would be given to Central Government Departments; that they would maximize production and act against profiteering by retailers.

(c) Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission has informed that it has referred the complaints relating to cartelization by the cement manufacturers to the Director General (Investigation & Registration) for investigation.

Pak intelligence network in Indian Armed Forces

†2291. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan's intelligence agency has secretly established a network of its agents in the Indian army;

(b) whether Pakistan's secret agency has been successful in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

establishing its network due to weak position of internal intelligence mechanism of Indian armed forces;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this spy network of Pakistan is spread from Delhi to Kathmandu and Dhaka, and documents relating to army reach Pakistan's intelligence network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Reports available with the Government indicate presence of Pakistani Intelligence Operatives in Bangladesh, Nepal and India. Our intelligence and security agencies are quite alert to the attempts being made by hostile countries and there has been effective neutralization of such attempts by our counter intelligence agencies. Comprehensive preventive measures are being enforced and regular security review is carried out from time to time with a view to sensitize the environment for making the security apparatus foolproof. In addition the existing Counter Intelligence set up in the Armed Forces is synergized on a regular basis to meet new challenges.

Modernisation of Armed Forces

2292. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been prepared to modernize armed forces with latest machines and equipment, to enable them to meet security requirements of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that the policy is implemented as per the plan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Modernisation of Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, technological changes and budget allocations. The process also involves the formulation of a Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan